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AN HONOR TO THE CRAFT

Editorial Reflections Inspired by the Life and Work of Editor W. D. Johnson—An Honest, Sincere Press the Negro's Sheet Anchor of Hope—The Qualities That Make for Enduring Success.

There is scarcely a more potential factor in the equation of human progress than the journalist. The lever that moves the world is popular sentiment. It is designed in the school room, echoed from the pulpit, but is given form and vitality and crystallized into definite action by the power of the press. The office of the editor is truly an exalted one. By virtue of his position he holds within his grasp the destiny of men and movements. He speaks to thousands while the laymen talks to individuals. Thus he may make or mar the fortunes of those who live in the public eye and seek to influence the activities of mankind.

How essential then, is it, that about the editorial sanctum there should hover the atmosphere of honesty, pure motive and altruistic purpose. No race or people can forever be kept beneath the iron heel of oppression or remain discredited in the minds of its foes as long as it is guided by an unselfish, incorruptible, uncompromising and intelligent press. No sacrifice should be regarded as too great a price for the multitude to pay that its men of the highest character, most liberal spirit, and most generous mental endowments may be kept at the helm of the race's precious craft of journalism.

We have in mind a man who measures up to the lofty standard just outlined. The Negro race honors itself when it yields cheerful support to Prof. W. D. Johnson whose labors and achievements have inspired us to the above line of reflection.—Ed.

Prof. W. D. Johnson, editor of The Kentucky Standard is beyond question one of the most fearless, as well as one of the ablest, most widely known, and scholarly of southern editors. His paper, The Kentucky Standard takes a place in the first rank of clean, clear-cut, fair and up-to-date journals, and the editorial page fairly glistens with eloquent, searching and thorough discussion of leading current questions.

Mr. Johnson brings to the editorial chair a mind that has been mellowed and molded by a finished education, and possessing as he does, great native ability as a writer, it is astonishing that although young in years he has established a name far and wide as a forceful, bold and unique brilliant journalist. He prepares his editorials



PROF. W. D. JOHNSON,

The Brave and Fearless Editor of The Kentucky Standard, an Influential and Widely Circulated Journal in the Blue Grass State.

like a lawyer preparing an important case, and his assertions are based upon facts, upon history and the experience of mankind. He stands uncompromisingly for law and order, for progress and a high type of manhood, and the thunderbolts hurled by him through the columns of his paper at the iniquitous crime of lynching have deservedly attracted wide attention and done great good. Nobody ever has to ask where Johnson stands on any question. He is not a fence rider, but plain, candid, honest to the point and conscientious and for these reasons he is a man whose word is accepted in all quarters without question. He is an earnest, active and valued member of the republican party and through his paper and on the stump has ably and eloquently upheld its noble principles and great men.

He represents the true leadership of his race, which is a leadership of character, brains, and achievements. In the year 1892 he came to Lexington,

Ky. where he engaged in the publication of The Standard. He soon attained a reputation as the bold and able defender of his race, a steadfast republican, an upright man in every way. Later he removed his paper to Louisville and then added to the reputation made in Lexington. He is a true and devoted man to his friends and is a stranger to both flattery and treachery. He is in every way a type of true American manhood and stands deservedly high with white and black.

W. O. B.

At Freedmen's Hospital.

Dr. A. M. Curtis, surgeon-in-chief at Freedmen's Hospital, is making a record at that institution for himself that will be hard to eclipse. His efficiency as surgeon-in-chief and his management of the institution have given him such popularity that there are few recommendations which he makes that are not considered favorably. His last coup was a request for an appropriation of \$3,500 to repair the roofs and buildings on the premises and although this request was made in the last days of Congress, the appropriation was granted. He is a popular official.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Afro-Americans in Gotham—Bishop Derrick's Timely Talk and Sensible Advice—Lights and Shadows Drawn by Our Army of Ubiquitous Newsgathers.

Negroes in Greater New York.

No longer are colored people of Greater New York crowded together, to the same extent as formerly. They are to be found above the Harlem as well as below it, and in the suburbs of Brooklyn as well as in the quarters which in time past were considered peculiarly their own. In the latter borough there is a Society of Sons of Virginia, and in Manhattan the colored people from North Carolina have banded themselves under the name of Sons of the Old North State. They have several churches of their own, and also places of instruction in which pupils are prepared for special callings. The Negro medical fraternity numbers above 15, all with diplomas from well-known institutions. Five are graduates of Long Island college and Harvard, Dartmouth, the University of Pennsylvania and Howard University are all represented. We are soaring upward, regardless of the gibes and sneers of enemies.

No "Blood and Thunder" Speeches.

At the Philadelphia Conference of the A. M. E. Church held in Chester, Pa., June 6, 1900, Bishop Derrick, in his opening address referred to the race question urging his people to refrain from making blood and thunder speeches, which tend to create race feeling and hatred. He said it should be the aim of the Negro to make friends with the whites and not enemies. He told the Negro that it was his duty to act as any other man, not think that he should carry himself in a special manner, or act differently from any other man. He advised them not to array themselves against the interest of the communities in which they lived, but join hands with the people in building up the country.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell is off on another lecture tour. She is a success on the platform, and is received everywhere with unbounded enthusiasm. She is enamored of the West, and describes her recent trip through the States of Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois as the happiest in all her experience. Organizations that are able to secure Mrs. Terrell as an attraction are in luck.